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Dear Harold,

Your mailings of 10/23, 26, 28, and 29 received. Lots of goodies.

Copy of my letter to Nichols (ref: your 10/23 to him) enclosed.

Filè analysis at Archives (your 10/23): offhand, I can't think of anything for non-buff students to do that would be particularly "scholarly." I would, of course, like to get whatever description possible of the non-CD files. Are there any not included in the "file classification manual"? For all the non-CD files, I would like to know the approximate size, and whether or not it consists mainly of copies of CD's. Since the name files contain withheld material, I doubt if we could make a list of them. (Even without the contents, that would be nice.) There may be some ways of tying in work on the file organization with basic questions on how the Commission worked, how things were kept from them (by providing an excess of all kinds of garbage, as the FBI did), how the FBI did only what was asked and no more (I consider Shaneyfelt Exh. 22A, which does not mention the "L.H." letter, a good example of this), etc. I would recommend Inquest to your students, for a view (although rather dated) of some of these problems. I can't be more specific on what I would like done, since I know so little about the non-CD files.

Your 10/25 to Paul R.: CD 87, SS 454 is CE 1753 (apparently from the same copy), so I am not sending a copy to Gary. I am sending him SS 470, also CD 829. The Connor report referred to in the latter is CD 246, of which I have the synopsis (cc. to both). I will not order pages 1-15 at the moment.

Your 10/25 to me and Gary: State Dept. files I - XII are CD 1114, XIII is CD 1115. There are probably no documents entirely withheld, since I believe the copies in these files have many things covered over. Nothing particularly suspicious. Concerning the names Bud asked for (Andre Angeles, Don Moon) - JNS and I had these 6 pages, and probably more. (I suggest that if time permits you check out such requests with us before the Archives.) I will ask Jim for any further CD's. I really must get a revised list of what I have out soon.

Your 10/25 on CD 87, SS 449: The copy of this which I already have is rather good, so I am sending a copy to you both. The synopsis does not indicate that more than the Lamont pamphlet bore the 544 Camp address. The Ferrie report mentioned on page 4 is probably CD 87, SS 620, which is in O in N.O. (p. 574, I think). I don't see why you find this report so significant; the other SS reports (especially SS 517, (CE 1414 and unpublished) and SS 407 (CE 3119) are more detailed and not, I think, inconsistent with SS 449. By now you both should have my complete 544 Camp - Justice Dept. file. (I didn't file the "withheld" page from CD 75 which you sent with that CD, so it would be almost impossible to find unless you can remind me of the approximate date you sent it.)

CD 87, cover letter (your 10/25): my interpretation is different. I would not expect SS 157, 161-6, etc. to be in this file; others could also be legitimately withheld from us. Part of the large gaps in numbers could be because the SS ~~xxxxxx~~ did give control numbers to reports from other agencies. Still, I do wonder about their judgment in selecting material for the Commission. Unless you already have it, I will order the Rowley letter of 1/6 (not in GA-1-SS).

Your 10/25 letter: I have no specific requests for testimony. I read Finck quickly, and don't expect to have time for more detailed study soon. Lots of obvious high points; picking out the rest would be lots of work.

I did return all copies of COUP. Never got a promised Xerox from Jonn C.

I would like to have the London Times Penkovsky stories (so filed) to copy. I don't see what else con be done on Davison, short of maybe an interview. David Wise would seem to be the ideal person to turn on to this.

Your 10/25 on FBI Oswald file: "CD 834" is CE 834. You bet it's interesting. (I've thought so for years.) Agree on item 64. Item 69 is probably mail cover at Soviet Embassy, Washington. If the staff memo (encl. to Rankin's letter of 3/26/64) is not just the questions in CE 833, I would like a copy. Some of the answers are obviously inadequate, e.g. # 19, 23, 26, 30; I think #21 is okay.

Your 10/30 to Brener re 544 Camp reminds me that we have none of JG's investigation of this aspect (at least I have none), and cannot assume that even the most basic checking of public sources (newspapers, city directories, maybe tax records) was done. What was the CRC doing when it more or less folded? Who was at 544 Camp in fall 1963? All I really have are SS reports. Incidentally, Brener's book is now available, at $ 6.

I don't see any special use for the card file of LHO notebook items, but I'll ask JNS.

I have the first part of Nichols' testimony (85 pp.). Does either of you want a Xerox? I am inclined to believe the newspapers covered this one pretty well.

Your 10/28: my copy (obtained from Lifton) of Liebeler's 9/6/64 memo on Chapter 4 of the Report is marked "REP 1" and "Liebeler" on the first page, in the upper right.

Your 10/28 to Gary, on Oswald wrist scars: CD 557, entirely withheld under Guideline 3B, is relevant, and probably more complete.

Has anyone attempted a cross-listing of the CD's in volumes 16-21? I have this on scraps of paper, and will type it up if it hasn't been done already.

Gary: thanks for your letter of 10/25. Congratulations on the exams; I am not really surprised that you did well. I will send the Ahler pages after I get them from JNS. I've never been in Toronto; that's presumably the same P.H. who was recently in the news at the London School of Economics. I few months ago I got a call on behalf of an English paper asking if I am him/he. (I'm not.)

Further enclosure (HW): Tribe article on Broshears.

Sincerely,

Paul

cc:GRS